GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CH&FW – Implementation of Universal Immunization Programme - Constitution of State Adverse Events Following Immunization Committees - Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

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From the CH&FW, AP, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.50/JD(CH&I)/2015, Dt.Nil.

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O R D E R:

The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad in his letter read above has reported that Immunization is one of the most well-known and effective methods of preventing childhood diseases. With the implementation of the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) by the Government of India, significant achievements have been made in preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). Immunization safety has a wide spectrum ranging from vaccine manufacturing & regulation, vaccine safety & quality, safe injections & waste disposal and Adverse Events Following Immunization (Adverse Events Following Immunization) surveillance. An effective AEFI surveillance system must be able to detect and differentiate the types of Adverse Events Following Immunization in order to prevent their occurrence and/or reduce their impact. The objectives are to strengthen Adverse Events Following Immunization reporting at all levels, ensure maintenance of national policy and standards, ensure prompt and thorough investigation of serious Adverse Events Following Immunization and periodic review of Adverse Events Following Immunization. For this, Adverse Events Following Immunization committee is to be established at state level. The committee constituted earlier in the combined state of AP., has to be reconstituted in the state of A.P. post bi-furcation, as per the revised guidelines – 2015 (communicated by Government of India). As per those guidelines and after careful examination, the Government is here by constituting the state AEFI committee as below.

2. The Director of Health and Family Welfare will be Chairperson. Immunization officer of the state (JD,CH&I) will be the Secretary & Convenor of the state AEFI committee. Specialists from faculty of medical colleges as below are to be inducted as members of the committee.

S. No	**Designation**	**Name of the Specialist & Department**	**Name of the Medical College / Organization**
1.	Chairperson	Director of Health	State Head Quarters, A.P
2.	Secretary & Convenor	Joint Director (CHI) & State Immunization Officer	O/o. CHFW, State Head Quarters, A.P
3.	Epidemiologist / Public health specialist	Prof. of Community Medicine	Guntur Medical College, Guntur
4.	Pediatrician	Prof of Paediatrics	Guntur Medical College, Guntur
5.	Neurologist	Prof. of Neurology	Guntur Medical College, Guntur
6.	General Physician	Prof. of General Medicine	Siddartha Medical College, Vijayawada.
7.	Microbiologist	Prof. of Micro Biology	Siddatha Medical College, Vijayawada
8.	Pathologist	Prof. of Pathology	Guntur Medical College
9.	Forensic expert	Prof. of Forensic Medicine	Guntur Medical College
10.	State Cold Chain Officer	Cold Chain Officer	JD (CHI) Office, CHFW, A.P.

11.	Representative from State drug authority	State Drug Control Officer, A.P.,	State Head Quarters, A.P
12.	Member- State Surveillance Unit (Integrated Disease Surveillance Project -IDSP)	Addl. Director (IDSP), A.P.	State Head Quarters, A.P
13.	Nominated Member from IAP	President of IAP, A.P.	State Head Quarters, A.P
14.	Nominated Member from IMA.	President of IMA, A.P.	State Head Quarters
15.	State Representatives from - WHO-NPSP.	State SMO, A.P.	State Head Quarters
16.	State Representatives from - UNICEF	Health Specialist UNICEF, A.P.	State Head Quarters

3. The committee will meet once every quarter or earlier as per need to fulfil the following Terms of Reference:

- Desk review of the CRF, PCIF and FCIF for causality assessment
- Field visit and inspection of vaccination sites, cold chain stores etc. if required.
- Need based interviewing the AEFI case / relatives, treating doctors/ staff and members of the district AEFI committee, if required, to help in coming to an informed causality assessment.
- Analysis of similar cases or clustering of cases in the state.
- Periodic review of the data base of AEFI cases. Look for districts with excess / nil reporting of AEFI cases consecutively.
- Support the spokesperson for media communication.
- Ensure district AEFI committees meet every quarter or more frequently as needed and that they fulfil their responsibilities.
- Ensure minutes of the meeting are shared regularly with State HoDs (Of HM&FW), DC immunization-GoI, within a fortnight of the meeting.

4. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.
All the members in State AEFI Committee thro' Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER